

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract of record with the substitute Abstract which is attached to the end of this reply. A marked up version of the substitute Abstract showing changes to the Abstract of record is as follows:

The invention provides an adhesive-carrying porous film for use as a battery separator, ~~which comprises comprising~~: a substrate porous film ~~such that, wherein~~ when a probe of a probe ~~1 mm diameter~~ penetrating thermomechanical analyzer probe, ~~said probe having a diameter of 1 mm,~~ is placed on the ~~porous~~ film under a ~~70g~~ load of ~~70 g~~ to measure a thickness ~~thereof~~ while heating the ~~porous~~ film from room temperature at a rate of 2°C/minute[[.]] to a temperature ~~at which where the film thickness of the porous film decreases to a by half of the thickness of the porous film~~ when the probe was initially placed ~~thereon~~ is 200°C or more; ~~and, a partially crosslinked adhesive carried on the substrate porous film, the partially crosslinked adhesive~~ [[being]] ~~is~~ prepared by reacting a reactive polymer having a functional group capable of reacting with an isocyanate group ~~therein~~ with a polyfunctional isocyanate so [[that]] the reactive polymer is partially crosslinked. Such a porous film (~~a separator~~) is temporarily bonded to an electrode to provide an electrode/separator laminate[[.]] In manufacturing a battery, the use of the laminate makes it possible to manufacture a battery efficiently with no mutual slip movement between electrode and separator, and in addition, the porous film (~~the separator~~) itself, after manufacturing a battery, ~~in a battery~~ functions as a separator which does not melt or break, and has a ~~with~~ small heat shrinkage under high temperatures.